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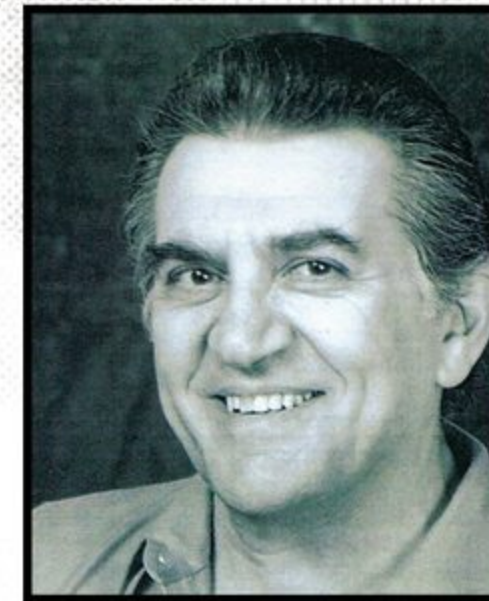
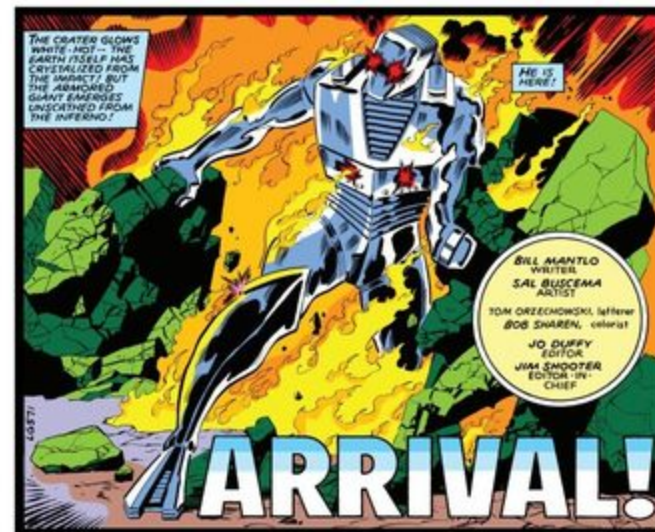
FOR YOUR FUTURE

SAL BUSCEMA

1936-2026



Marvel pauses to remember Sal Buscema, a foundational Marvel artist since 1969. Buscema was a prolific penciler and inker, working on nearly every Marvel character. His clear, dynamic storytelling was a feature of long, historic runs on *Spectacular Spider-Man*, *Incredible Hulk* and *Rom*. Buscema was famed for drawing bombastic roundhouse punches that sent characters sprawling across the page, but he could also be capable of great subtlety and emotion in his character acting. "Our Pal Sal" will be missed by generations of Marvel fans.



Sal Buscema

**“WHO HERE INHABITS, IN THESE
TOWERS? WHAT NATION’S KING
DO PEOPLE NAME HIM?”**

**- FROM “THE FIRST LAY OF SIGURD FAFNICIDE,”
THE ELDER EDDAS OF SAEMUND SIGFUSSON**

ROXKON HQ, MAINTENANCE ENTRANCE.

HEY, FRANK.
SHIFT CHANGE
ALREADY?

THREE A.M.
ON THE DOT.
WHAT, YOU
FORGOT THE
TIME?

AH, YOU
KNOW HOW
IT IS.

NOBODY USES THE SIDE
DOOR AFTER TEN, BUT
WE STILL GOTTA
STAND HERE.

IF I KEPT
LOOKING AT
MY WATCH, I'D
GO CRAZY.

AND IF
YOU LOOK AT
YOUR PHONE, YOU
GET FIRED. I
HEAR YA.

HEY, BEFORE
YOU GO--DOOR
CODE CHANGED AT
MIDNIGHT. YOU NEED
THE NEW ONE FOR
WHEN YOU'RE
BACK?

SAVES ME
GETTING IT FROM
THE FRONT DESK, I
GUESS. THANKS, FRANK.

EASY TO REMEMBER
IF YOU WERE AWAKE
IN HISTORY
CLASS.

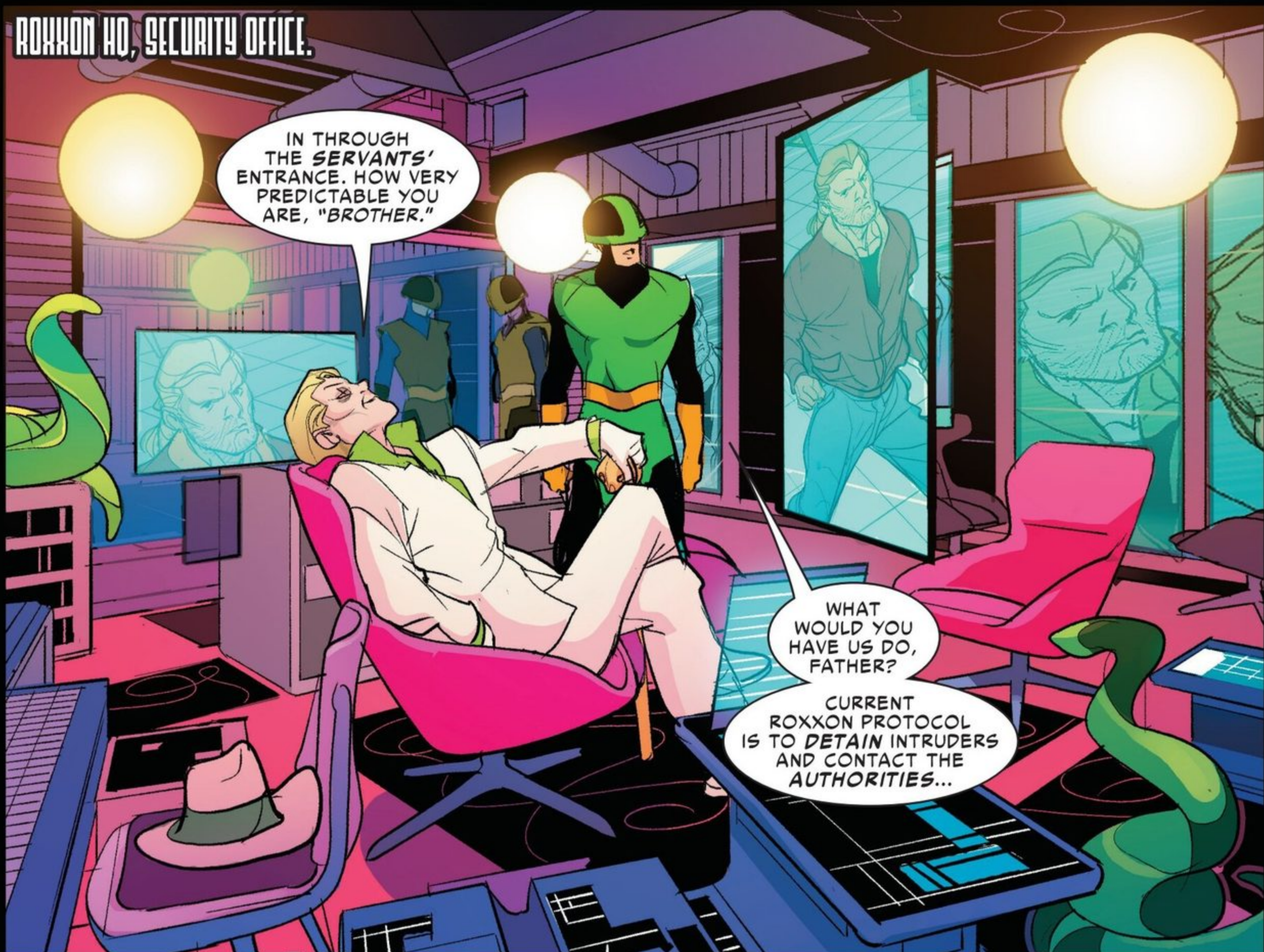
1-4-9-2,
COLUMBUS SAILED
THE OCEAN
BLUE.

YOU GOT
THAT, OR DO
YOU NEED IT
AGAIN?





ROXXON HQ, SECURITY OFFICE.



IN THROUGH THE *SERVANTS'* ENTRANCE. HOW VERY PREDICTABLE YOU ARE, "BROTHER."

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE US DO, FATHER?

CURRENT ROXXON PROTOCOL IS TO *DETAIN* INTRUDERS AND CONTACT THE *AUTHORITIES*...

THE *AUTHORITIES*?

WHO HAS *AUTHORITY* OVER ME?

FATHER, I--I MEANT NO--

HUSH.

I HAVE A FIVE O'CLOCK MEETING WITH MR. AGGER IN HIS *OFFICE*. ANOTHER *PERFORMANCE* REVIEW.

IT SUITS MY PURPOSES TO *REMAIN* WITH ROXXON, SO I'D LIKE TO GIVE HIM *GOOD NEWS*. NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS.



SIGURD JARLSON LOOSE IN THE BUILDING, AFTER ALL THE TIME AND RESOURCES WASTED ON HIM...THAT WOULD BE BAD NEWS.

SO KEEP IT QUIET. BUT TAKE HIM ALIVE, IF YOU CAN.



I'D ENJOY HIS DEATH.

BUT I'D ENJOY TAKING HIS SOUL MORE.



THAT SAID... DUVAL? WHERE ARE YOU?

YOU WILL BE THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE.



MORTAL FLESH IS WEAK.

IF HE MAKES IT TO YOU, HE'LL BE EXHAUSTED.



AND A SOUL CAN BE HARVESTED AT LEISURE...

...IF IT IS LOCKED IN STONE.

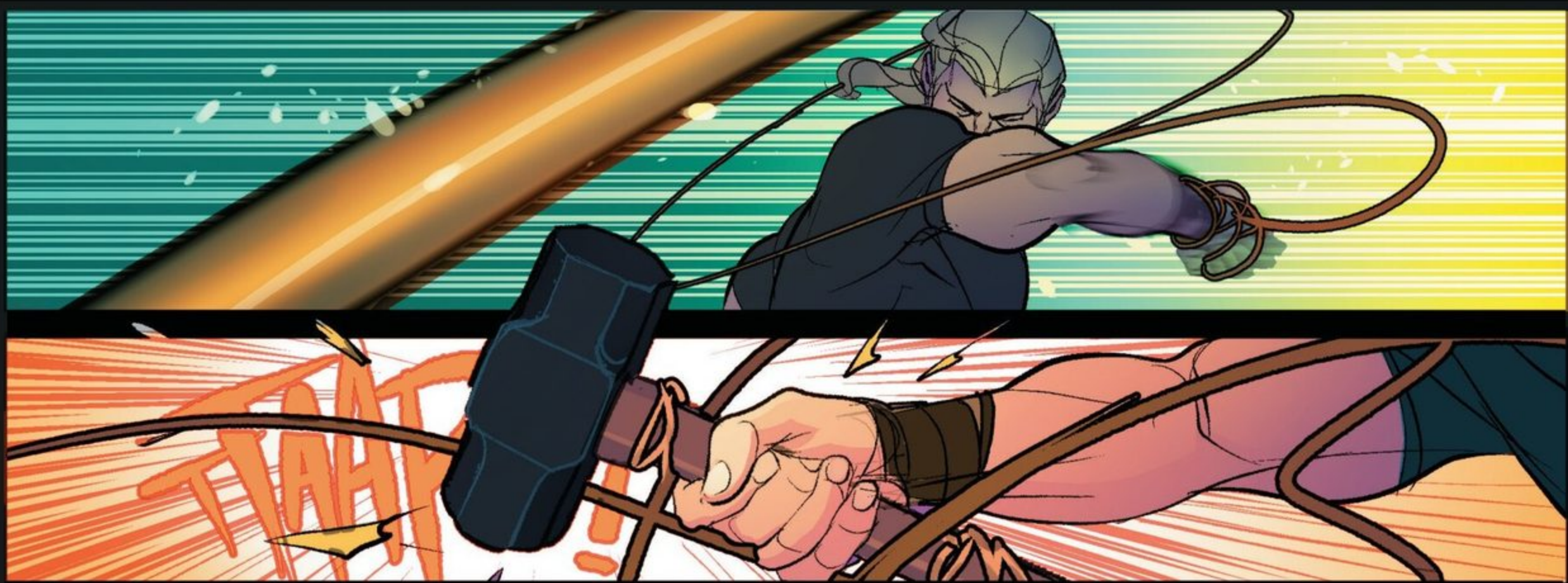
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AS YOU SAY.

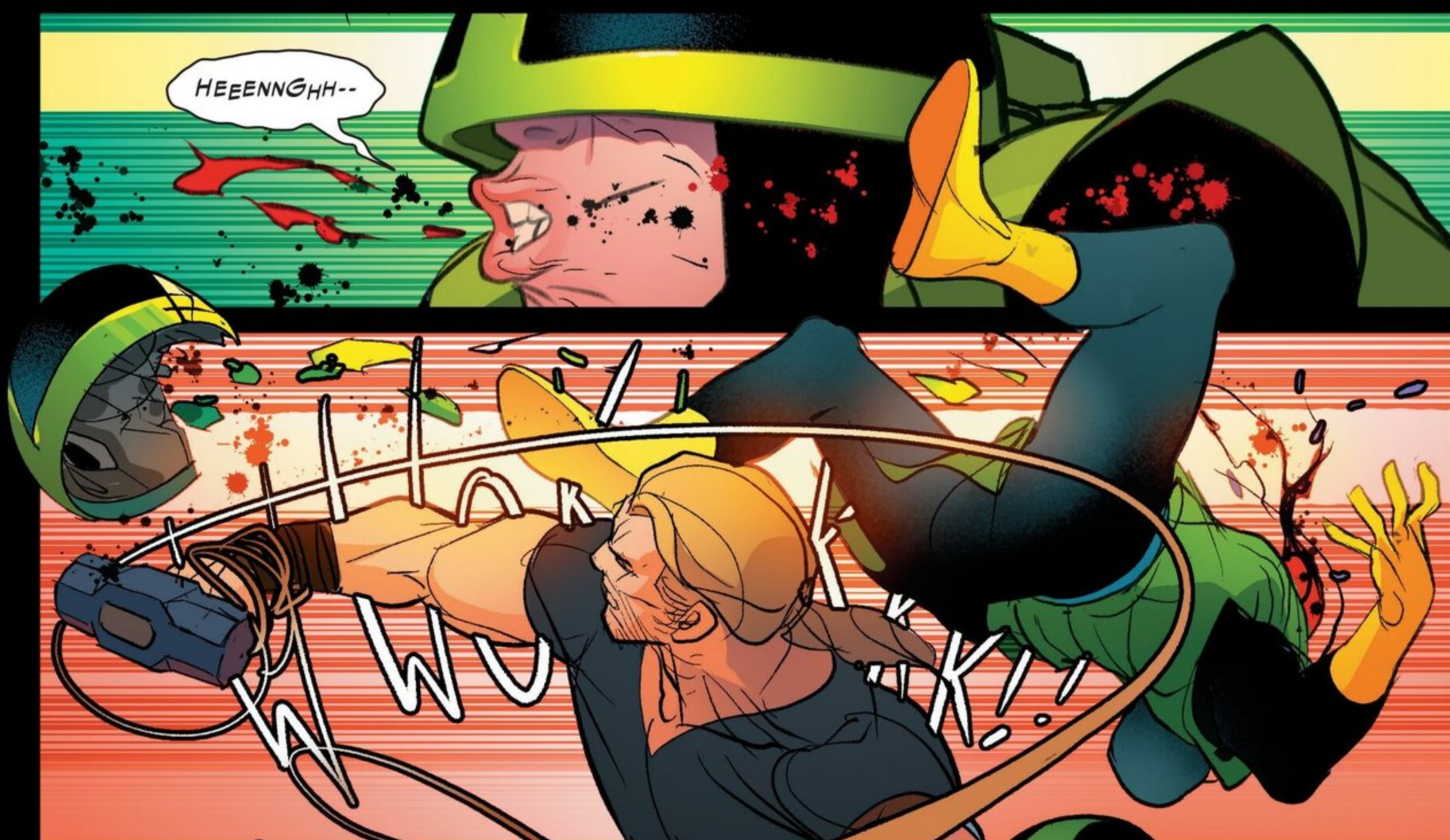
















HAVE WE MET BEFORE?



DON'T TALK, YOU IDIOT.

DON'T GIVE HIM AN OPENING...



I THINK I WOULD REMEMBER A WALKING STATUE...

AH! YOU LIKE THAT?



WATCH THIS, MY FRIEND.

THE POWER OF THE GREY CARCOYLE.



I HAVE MY STONE TOUCH... MY STONE STRENGTH... AND NOW I HAVE A WEAPON TOO.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE?



A HAMMER.



AND SO
EVERYTHING
LOOKS LIKE
A NAIL!

BUT A
GOOD THROW,
MONSIEUR. RIGHT
ON TARGET...



...FOR THE
GOOD THAT
DOES YOU.

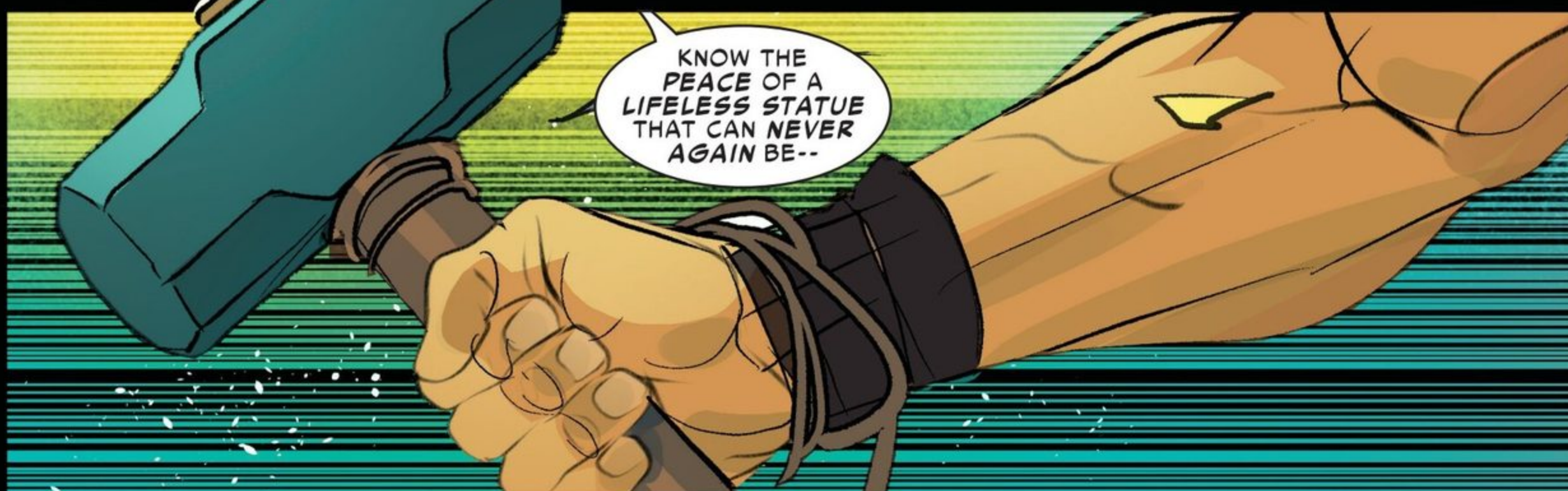


IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN YOUR
THROWING ARM TO BREAK A
MAN OF **STONE**. YOU ARE
SEEING THAT NOW,
I THINK.

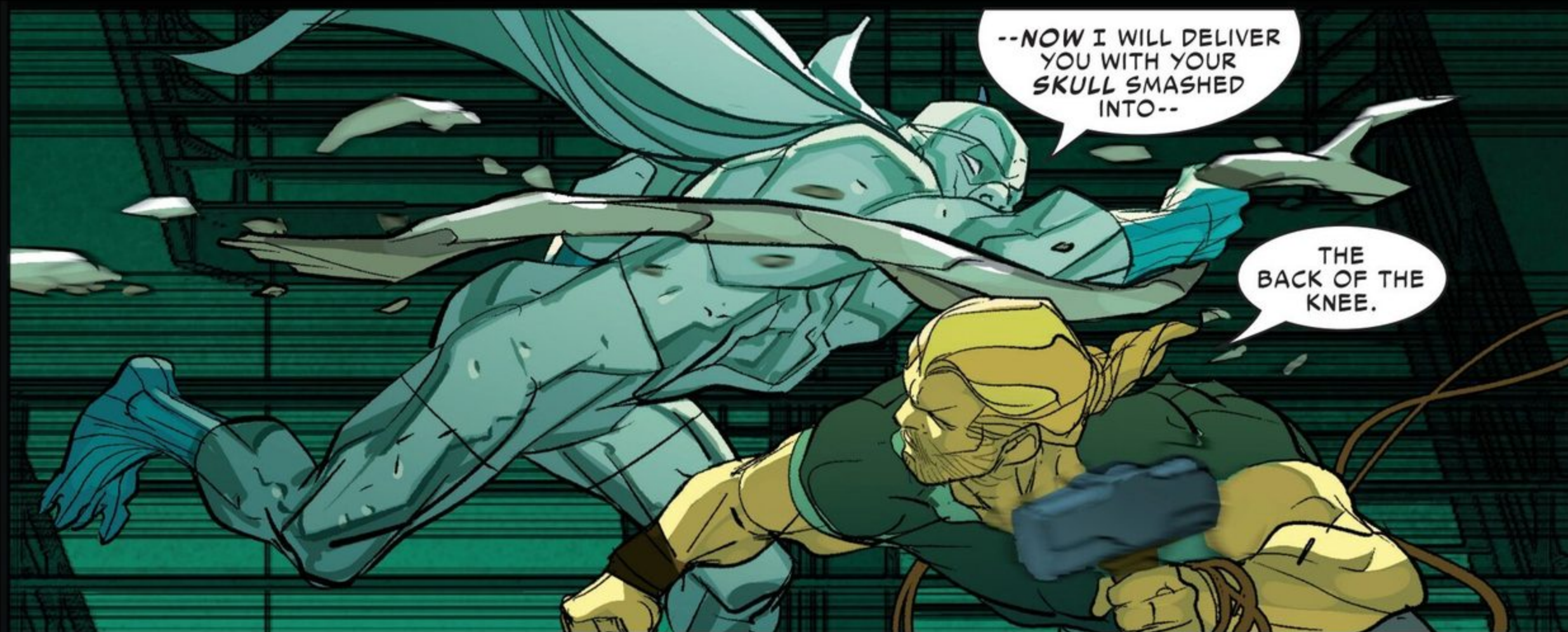
YOU
MUST GET UP
CLOSE...

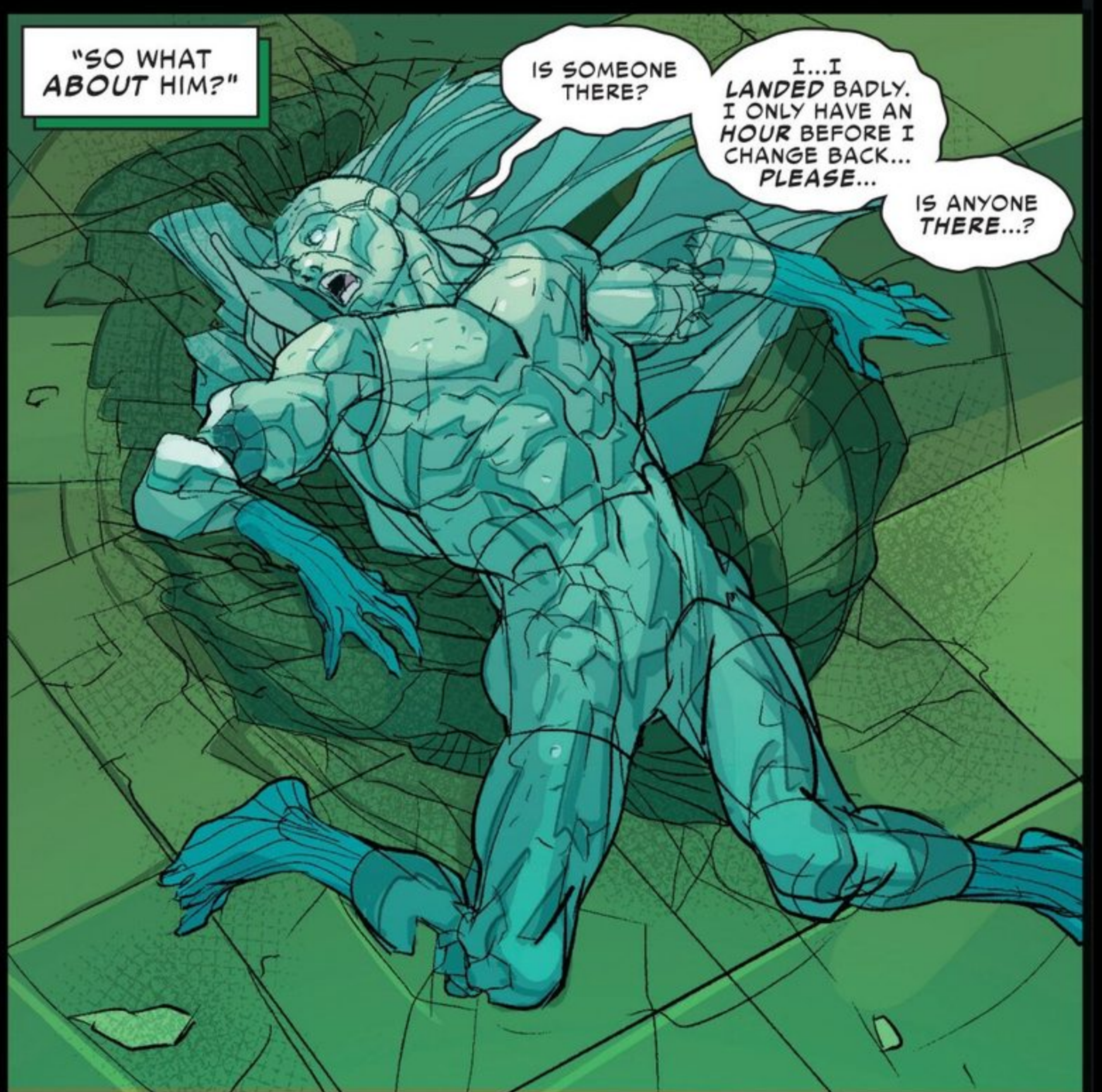
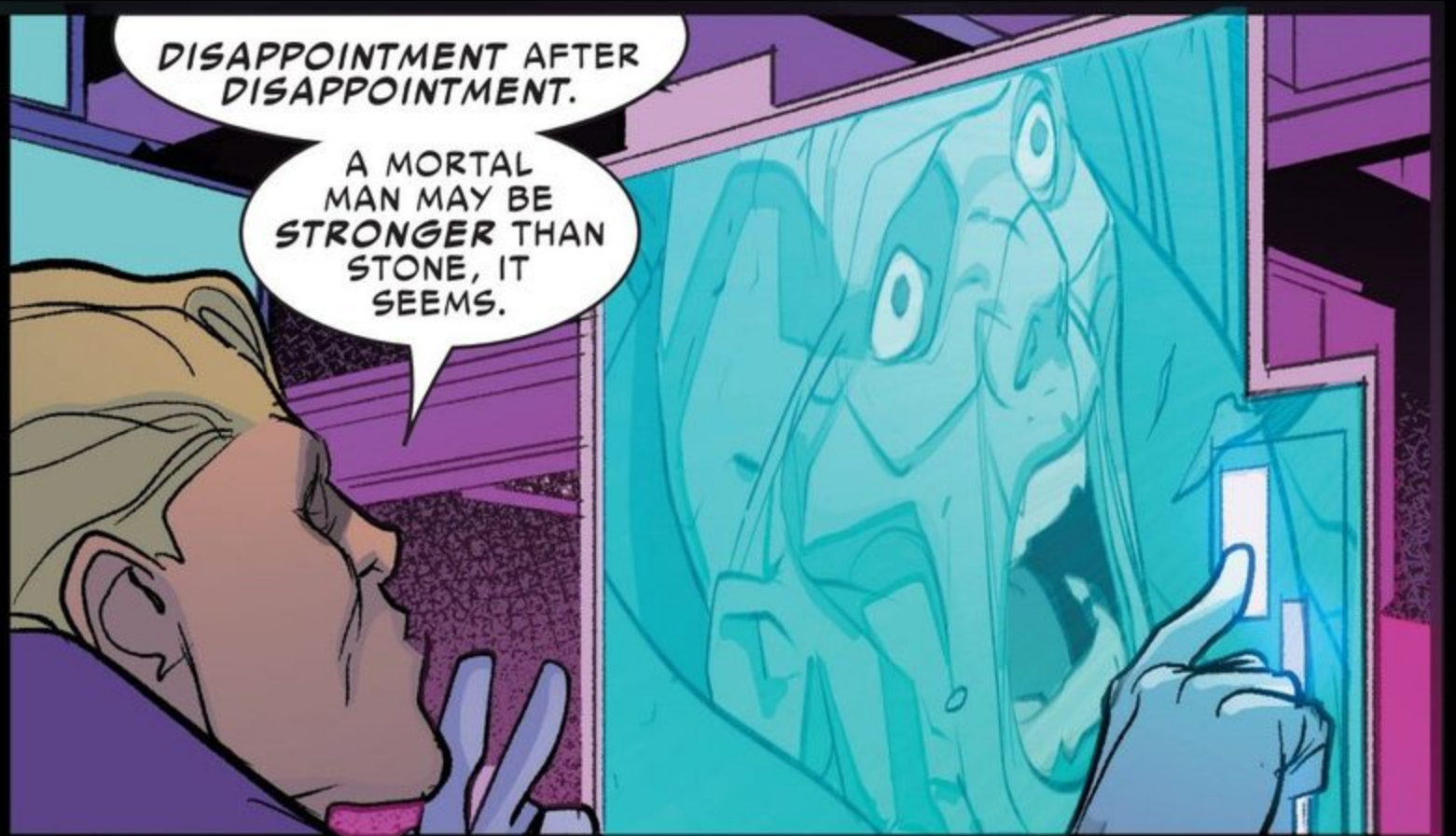


...UP
CLOSE AND
PERSONAL!











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VI HER,
DA.



SKAL
JEG VENTE
PÅ'N I...?



I CAN
HEAR YOU
MUTTERING OUT
THERE.

COME IN,
THEN.



HVA...?

DON'T
LOOK SO
SHOCKED.

YOU
DON'T RUN A
MULTINATIONAL
COMPANY WITHOUT
PULLING A FEW ALL-
NIGHTERS...

FEED



YOU...
YOU ARE
AGGER?

AND YOU MUST
BE JARLSON. I KNEW
IT--WHO ELSE WOULD BE
SPEAKING NORWEGIAN
OUTSIDE MY OFFICE
DOOR?

I'VE BEEN
WANTING TO
MEET YOU FOR
A WHILE NOW,
SIGURD...

BAM!



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HORNS OF THE MINOTAUR!

- Dario Agger doesn't remember the Gods of Asgard. He doesn't remember what it is about Sigurd Jarlson that...irritates him.
- But when Dario Agger is irritated--with a man or a god--he has a very simple solution. Murder.
- Somewhere in the city, a man with a hammer has nowhere to go but down...

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